

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0031] in the specification with the following new paragraph:

[0031] The fiber composite mat portion **11** may have a density of about 48 to 200 kg/m³, or about 80 to 112 kg/m³, and more preferably about 80 to 128 kg/m³. The density of the fiber composite mat portion **11** is substantially uniform throughout its volume. The gram weight of the fiber composite mat portion **11** is in the range of about 150 to 600 gm/m². The thickness of the fiber composite mat portion **11** may be fabricated to be in the range of about 2 to 8 mm and preferably about 2 to 4 mm. The thickness, density, and gram weight of a particular sub-layer mat is influenced by the levels of acoustic and/or thermal insulation and the amount of cushion that are desired or necessary for a particular application. However, the fiber composite mat portion (the portion that provides the cushioning effect) should not be so thick as to provide so much flexing under pressure that the laminate wood flooring are subjected to bending which may cause their joints to fail.